

# Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

NO

YES

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

YOU CAN'T TRY OUT HEARING AIDS AND RETURN IF  
COMFORTABLE. DOCTORS OFTEN SEEM TO BE RUSHED  
AND ONCE ITS BEEN MADE THERE'S NO EXCHANGE  
I FEEL NERVOUS AND RUSHED

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

NO

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

YES

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